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Buckingham Compressor Station

1 message

Carlton Ballowe <catbalu1@aol.com>
To: airdivision1@deq.virginia.gov

Fri, Sep 14, 2018 at 9:20 PM

Dear Board:

Please find attached my written comments concerning the Buckingham Compressor Station.

I am also pasting those comments into this email.

Thanks for the opportunity to weigh in.

Carlton Ballowe

DEQ Piedmont Regional Office

4949-A Cox Rd.

Glen Allen, Virginia 23060

Re: Buckingham Compressor Station

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Extend Comment Period for the Buckingham Compressor Air Permit

1 message

Laura Brown <cvillecw@gmail.com>

Fri, Sep 14, 2018 at 8:13 AM

Reply-To: cvillecw@gmail.com

To: airdivision1@deq.virginia.gov

The concept of "tzedek" comes from the Jewish faith tradition, calling for justice and equity among all people. The vision of tzedek is one of environmental justice and clean and safe air for all to breathe. The proposed Atlantic Coast Pipeline (ACP) compressor station violates this concept as it would expose residents in Union Hill and Buckingham County to leaking pollutants such as methane gas, formaldehyde, benzene, arsenic, uranium and additional toxic volatile organic compounds (VOCs).

This 54,000+ horsepower compressor station is one of the largest that Dominion has ever built and the largest in Virginia, further endangering health of residents and increasing risk and vulnerability. Having clean air is a fundamental human right and is especially vital for children and the elderly, some of the most vulnerable to the negative impacts of inhaling pollutants.

Many of the world's major faith traditions have a mandate to care for the Earth. By doing so, we care for each other. I submit this comment with love to express my solidarity with the community of Buckingham and their health and safety concerns stemming from the construction and operation of this massive compressor station.

I urge the VA State Air Pollution Control Board and the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to extend the 30-day comment period to at least 60 days, to ensure meaningful participation by impacted populations in permitting and monitoring, and to immediately complete a thorough Quantitative Risk Assessment (QRA) and a Comprehensive Health Impact Assessment (CHIA) prior to any future permitting.

I further urge the VA State Air Pollution Control Board and the DEQ to abide by the principles of environmental justice as the compressor station is proposed to be sited in Buckingham County's historic Union Hill, an 85% African American community. It is unacceptable that our society continues to disproportionately burden the poor and people of color with increased levels of dangerous air pollution.

Being unable to take a deep breath of clean air to pray or meditate at the many nearby religious sites such as Union Hill and Union Grove Churches and the LOTUS Temple, one of the many sacred places in Satchidananda Ashram Yogaville, is an egregious violation of humanity.

The risks to our sacred gift of air posed by Dominion's proposed ACP compressor station are simply too high.

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The ACP is safe and necessary

1 message

Heather Glunt <Heather.Glunt.127414858@p2a.co>

Fri, Sep 14, 2018 at 12:20 PM

Reply-To: heatherglunt@gmail.com

To: Ann Regn <airdivision1@deq.virginia.gov>

Dear Director Ann Regn,

Doing the right thing for our communities, our economy, and our environment is a balancing act. That's why a project as important as the Atlantic Coast Pipeline isn't built overnight. Rather, this project has gone through more than three years of careful planning and thorough scrutiny from agencies and organizations at every level.

Because of that exhaustive planning, the ACP is the safest way for us to get affordable, cleaner natural gas to those in our region who desperately need it.

The Buckingham Compressor Station is an integral part of the ACP project. The compressor station's "best in class" engineering design, and advanced emissions control equipment will ensure the facility will fully protect Virginia's air quality. In fact, modeling has demonstrated that the station's emissions, even when the facility is operating at its maximum, will not adversely impact Virginia's air quality. The modeling was conducted using methods approved by DEQ and has proven reliable thus far.

I believe that the stringency of the air quality permit that the ACP project has already passed will keep our community safe—while still allowing us to move forward with producing cleaner and more affordable American energy.

Accordingly, in the case of the recent discussions by the State Water Control Board regarding the state's use of the Army Corps of Engineers Nationwide Permit 12, I believe revisiting the existing process would be a mistake.

Our state's environment and our business climate have prospered from a consistent, predictable regulatory climate and from federal and state partnerships to allow scarce regulatory resources to be put to optimal use. There is no need to change the current approach.

Sincerely,
Heather Glunt
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Compressor Station Application Denial

1 message

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Fri, Sep 14, 2018 at 12:34 PM

Piedmont Regional Office
RE: Buckingham Compressor Station
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E-mail: airdivision1@deq.virginia.gov

September 8, 2018

Dear Madam or Sir,

I write today as a pediatrician and resident of Fairfax County to ask that you deny the air permit for the proposed Buckingham County compressor station of the Atlantic Coast Pipeline. As you know, children and the elderly are the most vulnerable among us to the impacts of air pollution. The proposed compressor station will contribute unhealthy levels of nitrous oxide, particulate matter, volatile organic compounds, hexane and formaldehyde in the community surrounding the proposed site.

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Please note signed copy in attachment

Unsent Report File
All the following information was
sent to the Air Division on 9/14/18
from masonspack@aol.com

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Dominion's application to-release air pollutants1 message

Philip Knopp <pkdeeptruth@gmail.com>

Fri, Sep 14, 2018 at 12:22 PM

To: airdivision1@deq.virginia.gov, William Limpert <wflimpert@gmail.com>, "Nancy Sorrells, Augusta County Alliance Co-chair" <petitionshare@moveon.org>

Just yesterday, in three cities north of Boston, Massachusetts, three pipelines exploded causing immense destruction to numerous structures there. One can believe that there were some very large plumes of burning and toxic gasses all about the area as a result of these ruptures. It is clear that the heat from such events can burn buildings at some great distances. Right here in Virginia a few years ago (In Appomattox) there was an explosion of a high pressure pipeline that actually melted the siding on homes some two miles from the blast. I have seen the photographs.

It is exceedingly harmful to the air quality of our planet to dump toxic gasses into the air. Why would you ever grant a permit to Dominion to do so? Certainly, it is also very harmful to the environment to actually build large 42 inch high pressure pipelines (MVP and ACP) within our state. It is currently speculated that the bursts in these three cities north of Boston yesterday, may have been caused by a surge of pressure in these pipelines. Do we dare to think that this could not happen to the Atlantic Coast Pipelines and Mountain Valley Pipelines here in the Old Dominion?

Accidents such as these are indeed catastrophic, considering that there have been no in-depth public safety studies undertaken, pertinent to MVP and ACP. But what terrifies me even more is the fact that there have been no significant public discussions about what counter-measures we could take in the event of deliberate acts of sabotage. What would we do in a case of pipeline attacks rendered upon these structures, on multiple points, simultaneously? Such an event would be tragic and we would not know how to respond to something like this, having made no prior counter-measures.

I implore you (D.E.Q. board members) do not grant any permits what so ever, to allow these projects to be built or completed. The collective safety of the public and the environment hangs in the balance, with regard to the choices you will make in these matters.

Sincerely Yours, Philip Khnopp, Augusta County Resident.



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Recent Pipeline accidents, and speculations about pipeline safety. STORMS1 message

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Fri, Sep 14, 2018 at 4:56 PM

To: William Limpert <wflimpert@gmail.com>, "Nancy Sorrells, Augusta County Alliance Co-chair" <petitionshare@moveon.org>, airdivision1@deq.virginia.gov

- * Sept 11. Beaver Township, PA. Rain / Landslide related event. Massive Fires. One Home destroyed.
- * Sept 12 North Andover Mass. Three gas pipelines (Columbia Gas Corp) explode. One teen killed, 80 reports of structural fires. Pipeline over-pressure the likely cause. "It sounded like Armageddon"
- * Tropical storm Francine is not over yet. What damages will it cause to infrastructures, including pipelines? More and greater Type of such storms are likely and expected..
- * Landslides in our Appalachian region are feared, with large, heavy, experimental gas pipelines slated to be placed on "Karst" landscapes. pipeline breaches and explosions are feared.

Eminent Domain would be used to illegally seize private lands for MVP and ACP projects. Do we really feel that accidents wont happen? What about deliberate acts of sabotage?

Get back to me please! Yours, PK



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pipeline and compressor station

1 message

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To: airdivision1@deq.virginia.gov

Fri, Sep 14, 2018 at 11:48 PM

Friends at DEQ,

I want to add my voice to those of many others in making two points:

1. Looking at the long-term dynamics of energy demand and the imperative to address climate change, I believe that history would view that it was a mistake to invest in major new pipelines at this time, when the declining cost of renewable energy has not been fully exploited. So I urge you to oppose the construction of this pipeline at all.
2. Secondly, I am disappointed, even embarrassed, that Dominion Energy, in its eagerness to profit by building the pipeline, has chosen Union Hill, a low-income community with many black residents, as the planned site for a large, noisy, polluting compressor station. It's time we move past the traditional environmental injustices of locating undesirable infrastructure in areas inhabited by people with little political power. So I would ask you to be just and fair, and not approve Union Hill for any such facilities.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Buckingham Compressor Station for the

1 message

walter Moore <skmwem@gmail.com>

Fri, Sep 14, 2018 at 10:36 AM

To: airdivision1@deq.virginia.gov

We are writting to tell the Virginia Air Pollution Control Board to deny Dominion's application for a permit to release air pollution that will threaten the health and well-being of residents in the Union Hill neighborhood and beyond.

The draft permit prepared by the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is woefully deficient, failing to provide the analyses and the levels of protection the law requires.

Dozens of people spoke at a public hearing on September 11th, most explaining technical and legal problems with the proposal and opposing issuance of the permit. We oppose this illegal and unethical proposal to victimize citizens for private profit.

The Atlantic Coast Pipeline (ACP) is not needed to supply energy to the areas Dominion claims would be served and

DEQ has failed to properly consider whether the placement of the facility is appropriate or to acknowledge the violation of environmental justice principles.

The Air Board, in approving permits, "shall consider facts and circumstances relevant to the reasonableness of the activity involved," including:

1. The character and degree of injury to, or interference with, safety, health, or the reasonable use of property which is caused or threatened to be caused;
 2. The social and economic value of the activity involved;
 3. The suitability of the activity to the area in which it is located; and
 4. The scientific and economic practicality of reducing or eliminating the discharge resulting from such activity.
- Code of Virginia § 10.1-1307.E.

Thank you, Walter and Sandra Moore, [6107 red setter ln, Moseley, Va, 23120](#) 804/818-2417

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Deny the Buckingham Compressor Station air permit

1 message

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Fri, Sep 14, 2018 at 8:31 AM

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State Air Pollution Control Board
c/o Ann Regn, Director of Public Information and Outreach
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Dear Director Paylor and members of the Air Pollution Control Board,

I respectfully urge you to deny the draft minor source air permit for the Atlantic Coast Pipeline's Buckingham Compressor Station.

This compressor station poses a direct threat to our climate, our air quality, and - most importantly - to the lives of the historic freedman and largely African American Union Hill community. If built, the compressor station would emit methane, nitrogen oxides, volatile organic compounds and particulate matter into the air in close range to community members' homes and would be a stark example of environmental racism at play in the Commonwealth.

We ask that you deny this permit and request that the following concerns be addressed:

- DEQ and the Air Board must ensure that the permit for the Buckingham Compressor Station does not disproportionately impact marginalized communities. However, the vast majority of residents in close proximity to the proposed compressor station site - 85% - are people of color, and a large proportion are elderly or very young. Therefore, a disproportionate impact on an environmental justice community is virtually guaranteed. If the project cannot be modified to avoid this outcome, the air permit should be denied.
- ACP has not shown that the amount of toxic air emissions from the compressor will not cause or contribute to the endangerment of human health. DEQ should conduct a baseline Health Impact Assessment to better understand what ailments already exist in the community that could be exacerbated by these emissions. The elderly, very young, and community members who already have respiratory health issues are particularly at risk.
- DEQ should require ACP to continuously monitor nitrogen oxide emissions to ensure ACP is complying with the nitrogen oxide emissions limits at all operating periods. The currently proposed stack testing is not sufficient to ensure compliance with the draft permit conditions.
- DEQ should conduct further analysis of the greenhouse gas emissions associated with this proposed compressor station. While Virginia is poised to begin regulating carbon dioxide emissions from electric power plants, ignoring the greenhouse gas emissions from the infrastructure used to supply those power plants is self-defeating. With each new pipeline and compressor station built, significant amounts of methane are emitted into the atmosphere, exacerbating climate change impacts. Though methane does not last in the atmosphere nearly as long as carbon dioxide, methane is much more efficient at capturing radiation than carbon dioxide and, pound for pound, the comparative impacts of methane to carbon dioxide are 25 times greater over a 100 year period. Greenhouse gas emissions are mentioned in the draft air permit, but further analysis of impacts and plans to mitigate those emissions are necessary.
- ACP has not adequately addressed emergency response plans. Detailed plans should be drafted and shared with the community. These plans should outline evacuation and actions in response to an explosion or other emergency at the Buckingham compressor station. At this time, there is no certainty that residents could be evacuated promptly, and Buckingham County emergency responders do not have the supplies or resources to respond to a significant industrial emergency.

9/25/2018

Commonwealth of Virginia Mail - Deny the Buckingham Compressor Station air permit

It is extremely important that the Air Pollution Control Board defend Union Hill, Buckingham County, and all Virginians' air and climate from the harmful impacts associated with this compressor station. I urge you to deny the permit.

Sincerely,

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Public Hearing on the Buckingham Compressor Station

1 message

Mark Paul <markpaul7@yahoo.com>

Fri, Sep 14, 2018 at 11:16 AM

To: airdivision1@deq.virginia.gov

I would like the opportunity to speak at the public hearing regarding the proposed compressor station in Buckingham County.

Please see the attached letter.



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Virginia Department of Environmental Quality
Piedmont Regional Office
4949-A Cox Road
Glen Allen, VA 23060

RE: Buckingham Compressor Station

Dear Department of Environmental Quality:

Thank you for the opportunity to offer my comments on the draft air permit for the Atlantic Coast Pipeline's Buckingham Compressor Station. As a resident of the Commonwealth, I have strongly backed the pipeline and believe it is one of the foundations of a more secure and reliable energy future for Virginia. However, I could not support the project if I believed that the pipeline or any of its associated facilities, including the compressor station, would harm our state's environment. Fortunately I have no such concerns. I am confident in the project developers' commitment to protecting our natural resources and I am equally confident in DEQ's ability to oversee and regulate the ACP's environmental aspects. Your draft air quality permit for the Buckingham Compressor Station provides me with even more confidence in the project.

I am very impressed by the emissions limits and control technology incorporated in the draft permit. Although the station is classified as a "minor" source, the permit requirements are similar to those typically imposed on facilities with much higher levels of emissions. In fact, I understand that the limits imposed by the draft permit are four to 10 times more stringent than the limits in other recently issued for compressor stations in the Commonwealth. This is the case for a variety of regulated emissions, including nitrogen oxides, carbon monoxide and volatile organic compounds.

The technology requirements incorporated in the draft permit are equally impressive. These requirements include selective catalytic reduction for controlling emissions of nitrogen oxides and systems to reduce the venting of natural gas into the atmosphere. Here again, I believe the standards imposed on this "minor" source are much more typical of requirements for the operation of larger facilities with higher levels of emissions.

The Department of Environmental Quality has a proven track record, spanning many years, of protecting the Commonwealth's natural resources, including its air quality. You have brought that same level of dedication to the development of the draft air permit for the Buckingham Compressor Station. I believe Virginia must move forward toward a more secure and reliable energy future and that the ACP is a key to that move. But I also believe we must take strong steps to safeguard the environment as we build that more secure future. The draft permit for the compressor station is one of those strong steps, and I commend you for it. Thank you again for the opportunity to present my comments to you.

Sincerely,

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Public Comment: I Oppose the Buckingham Compressor Station Air Permit1 message

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Fri, Sep 14, 2018 at 10:14 AM

Reply-To: marthasmythe45@gmail.com

To: airdivision1@deq.virginia.gov

Dear Ms:

I'm writing today to urge the Air Pollution Control Board to reject the proposed permit for Dominion Energy's Buckingham Compressor Station.

This facility is a threat to our climate, public health and public safety, and the Board has an obligation to protect Virginians' clean air at all costs.

A vote to allow operation of this facility is a vote to expose residents of Union Hill to nearly 140 tons per year of harmful chemical emissions; it is a vote to increase climate disrupting greenhouse gas emissions at a time when Virginia is moving to decrease climate impacts from the power sector; and it is a vote to put Buckingham County and numerous members of the African American community in a blast zone.

Virginia doesn't need the Atlantic Coast Pipeline and we don't need this compressor station. I urge the Board to deny this and any future permits that come before you.

Sincerely,

Martha Smythe
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!Deny the Buckingham Compressor Station Air Permit

1 message

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Fri, Sep 14, 2018 at 6:16 PM

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To: airdivision1@deq.virginia.gov

I urge the VA State Air Pollution Control Board and the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to deny the air pollution permit for the Atlantic Coast Pipeline (ACP) compressor station being proposed in Buckingham County. This 54,000 horsepower compressor station is one of the largest ever proposed by Dominion Energy and it threatens the health of this majority-black community that has loudly resisted the project since it was first announced. I also urge state regulators to immediately complete a thorough risk assessment prior to any permitting and work with other state agencies to conduct health risk and comprehensive health impact assessments at the beginning of future permitting processes.

In Section X of DEQ's Intra-Agency Memorandum analyzing the draft permit, it states that a 10/31/2017 site evaluation led the agency to conclude the area surrounding the site was "sparsely populated." However, research done by community groups indicates that numerous residents live close to the site who would be in danger in the event of an emergency.

This compressor station represents a direct threat to our climate, but more importantly, it serves as a direct attack on the livelihoods of the residents of Buckingham County's historic Union Hill, an 85% African American community. This community has been the home of some of America's first freedmen and remains the home of many of their descendants: placing a compressor station that is capable of spewing toxic levels of methane, nitrous oxides, particulate matter and other volatile organic compounds just miles from their homes and schools is nothing short of environmental racism. This large community is also at risk of extreme imminent danger stemming from any emergencies at the compressor station. To avoid another situation like this, I also urge the State Air pollution Control Board and DEQ to consider environmental justice in all future permitting decisions.

The DEQ and Air Pollution Control Board have a unique and critical responsibility to protect our most vulnerable citizens from the dangers of fossil fuel pollution. In order to fulfill your duty as our state regulators, you must deny the air permits for these projects and protect this vibrant community.

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Public Comment: I Oppose the Buckingham Compressor Station Air Permit

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Dear Ms:

I'm writing today to urge the Air Pollution Control Board to reject the proposed permit for Dominion Energy's Buckingham Compressor Station.

This facility is a threat to our climate, public health and public safety, and the Board has an obligation to protect Virginians' clean air at all costs.

A vote to allow operation of this facility is a vote to expose residents of Union Hill to nearly 140 tons per year of harmful chemical emissions; it is a vote to increase climate disrupting greenhouse gas emissions at a time when Virginia is moving to decrease climate impacts from the power sector; and it is a vote to put Buckingham County in a blast zone.

Virginia doesn't need the Atlantic Coast Pipeline and we don't need this compressor station. I urge the Board to deny this and any future permits that come before you.

Sincerely,

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